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Mr. Michael Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20554

September 25, 2003

Re: Petition for ETC Status of Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Dear Chairman Powell:

By this letter, I pray for your expeditious resolve to an old inequity that residents of the CNMI have been subjected to for many decades; the monopoly telephone services, such that no one in the islands has a choice of local exchange telephone services.

It is absolutely essential that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continue to support the universal services program and continue to provide competitive opportunities for all carriers. Landline Teleo efforts to overturn the program and/or limit funding to competitors must be rejected.

In 2002, Guam Cellular and Paging received a grant of ETC status on the island of Guam. Since then and in that short period of time, their service to the island expanded and improved, forcing a corresponding improvement in customer services from the incumbent carrier. The CNMI consumers need and deserve the same benefits that our neighbors in the island of Guam are enjoying.

I understand that Guam Cellular and Paging presented a petition for ETC status for the CNMI, which has been pending for nearly two years now. Please, end the inequity! Please see that the said petition receives approval very soon.

Thank you for your time and I hope this matter is resolved very soon.

Sincerely,

DEBORAH A. FLEMING Deputy Commissioner, Tinian

cc: Commissioner

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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RE: Petition for ETC Status of Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am the Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and I write to urge you to continue FCC support for universal service for all carriers. The CNMI is a rural community, which has for decades been subject to monopoly service without any choice for local exchange telephone service.

in 2002, Guam Cellular and Paging received a grant of BTC status on the Island of Guam, and in the past year service to that island improved considerably, causing the incumbent carrier to respond to competition with better customer service. We feel the service in the CNMI would improve in the same manner if the ETC were applied to the CNMI as well.

It is my understanding that Guam Cellular's petition for ETC status has been pending at the FCC for nearly 18 months. I urge you to expedite this petition so that we can begin to see the benefits that our neighbors on Guam are now experiencing.

We appreciate the commission's support for full universal service programs, as it is essential that we provide competitive opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my views and I hope that you will see that action on Guam Cellular's petition is taken very soon.

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Mr. Michael Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. 8th Floor Washington, DC 20554

#### Dear Chainnan Powell:

I am writing to support Guam Cellular and Paging's petition for ETC status for the island of Saipan and to request your favorable consideration and approval.

For decades, the local exchange telephone service in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has been monopolized, thus preventing island residents from having a choice of service providers. In the absence of competition, there has been no incentive for the sole carrier to improve customer service or reduce rates.

In 2002, Guam Cellular and Paging received a grant of ETC status for the island of Chiam. As a result, local telephone service for all carriers drastically improved. It is my understanding that Guam Cellular's petition for ETC status for the island of Salpan has been pending FCC approval for nearly 18 months.

In an effort to provide the residents of the CNMI a choice of service providers and improved local telephone service, I would like to request your approval of Guam Cellular and Paging's petition.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Francisco M. Borja Mayor of Timian and Aguiguan FAX NO. : 670 664 7570

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September 25, 2003

Mr. Michael Powell
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#### Dear Chairman Powell:

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Thank you for the opportunity to present my views and I hope that you will see that action on Guam Cellular's petition is taken very soon.

Sincerely.

Senate President





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Re: Petition for ETC Status of Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. for the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands

Dear Chairman Powell.

As a businessman here in the CNMI, I would like to unge you to promptly see that the FCC continues to support universal service for all carriers. As you probably know, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI) has for decades been subject to monopoly service such that no island resident has a choice of local exchange telephone service

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Thank you for the opportunity to present my views and I hope that you will see that action on Guarn Cellular's petition is taken very soon.

Regards,

Anthony C Scrage

Owner, Carolinas Air Conditioning

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Thank you for the opportunity to present my views and I hope that you will see that action on Guam Cellular's petition is taken very soon.

General Manager



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Sincerely,

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September 23, 2003

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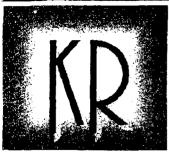
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Sincerely,

General Manager

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RE: Petition for ETC Status of Gualm Cellular and Paging, Inc. for the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands

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Yours truly.

Joaquin S Manglona
Chief Executive Officer

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Re: Petition for ETC Status of Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

#### Dear Chairman Powell:

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Thank you for the opportunity to present my views and I hope that you will see that action on Guam Cellular's petition is taken very soon.

Respectfully yours,

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Yours truly,

Owner/Manager

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Re: Petition for ETC Status of Guam Cellular and paping. Inc. For the CNMI

Door Chairman Powell.

For many years, telecommunication services has been monopolized in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marians Islands (CNMI) and services have been strockes. I therefore implore you and your agency to please expedite the approval of the above company's petition for ETC status in the CNMI.

I am sure that in your position you have heard many arguments why petitions should be approved. Hased on the same arguments, but most especially that CNMI consumers need to be given the best services evaluable in any US jurisdiction, on behalf of the CNMI residents and consumers I plead with you to approve the petition.

Your time and support is greatly appreciated.

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CNMI Resident